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Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 31, line 14 and ending at line 20 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the change made thereto, is attached.

A23 --Each recording medium produced was cut into a size of 297 by 210 mm, and placed on a flat table with the ink-receiving layer turned downward to measure the height gauge in an environment of 5°C and 10 % RH. The resistance to curling of the recording medium was ranked in accordance with the following standard.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend Claims 1 and 3 to read as follows. A marked-up version of Claims 1 and 3, showing the changes made thereto, is attached. All claims, including those that are not amended herein, are set forth for the Examiner's convenience.

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B1 1. (Amended) A recording medium comprising a substrate and an ink-receiving layer provided on the substrate, wherein the ink-receiving layer comprises an ultrahigh orienting alumina hydrate having a boehmite structure, an average particle thickness of 2.0 to 6.0 nm and a crystallite size of 5.0 to 8.0 nm in a direction of a (020) plane, and the recording medium has a degree of parallelization of 30 to 1,000.

2. (Not Amended) The recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the degree of parallelization is 50 to 800.

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3. (Amended) The recording medium according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the maximum peak in the pore radius distribution of the ink-receiving layer is present within a range of from 5.0 to 10.0 nm, and the pore volume thereof is within a range of from 0.35 to 1.0 cm³/g.

4. (Not Amended) The recording medium according to Claim 1, which has a porous layer on the ink-receiving layer.

5. (Not Amended) The recording medium according to Claim 4 wherein the porous layer comprises silica.

Claims 6-8. (Withdrawn)

REMARKS

Summary of patentability issue

Amended independent Claim 1 recites at least one feature not disclosed or suggested by the patents to Yoshino et al., Eguchi et al., and Misuda et al. Therefore, are the outstanding rejections of this claim over this art still proper?

Status of the claims

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application, with Claim 1 being independent. Claims 6-8 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1 and 3 are amended.